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CHAPTER 318.

The Egress From Public Buildings Act.

1. In every church, school, house, hall or other building heretofore or hereafter constructed or used for holding public meetings, or as a place of public resort or amusement, every outer door and every door leading from the assembly hall or room or school rooms shall be so hinged that it may open freely outwards, and every gate of an outer fence if not so hinged shall be kept open by proper fastenings during the time such building is publicly used, to facilitate the egress of people, in case of alarm from fire or other cause. R.S.O. 1927, c. 284, s. 1.

Doors of public buildings to open outwards.

2. Every congregation or society possessing corporate powers, and every trustee, incumbent, churchwarden or other person holding churches, schools or buildings used for churches or schools shall be severally liable, as trustees for such societies, congregations or schools, to the provisions of this Act. R.S.O. 1927, c. 284, s. 2.

Liability of ecclesiastical or other bodies with corporate powers.

3.—(1) Any person owning, possessing or managing a public hall, school, house, church or other building used for public meetings who contravenes the provisions of this Act, or any of them, or the regulations made hereunder, or any of them, shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$50.

Penalty.

(2) If the necessary changes are not made, the person offending shall incur a further penalty of \$5 for every week succeeding that in which the information is laid.

Further penalty for delay.

(3) One-half of the penalty shall be paid to the person laying the information and the other half to the corporation of the municipality within which the offence is committed.

Application of penalty.

(4) The penalty shall be recoverable under *The Summary Convictions Act*. R.S.O. 1927, c. 284, s. 3.

Recovery of penalty. Rev. Stat., c. 136.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations for the enforcement of this Act and the safety and convenience of persons assembled in buildings coming within the provisions of this Act. R.S.O. 1927, c. 284, s. 4.

Regulations by Lieutenant-Governor in Council.